

"CURRIE" PERFIN

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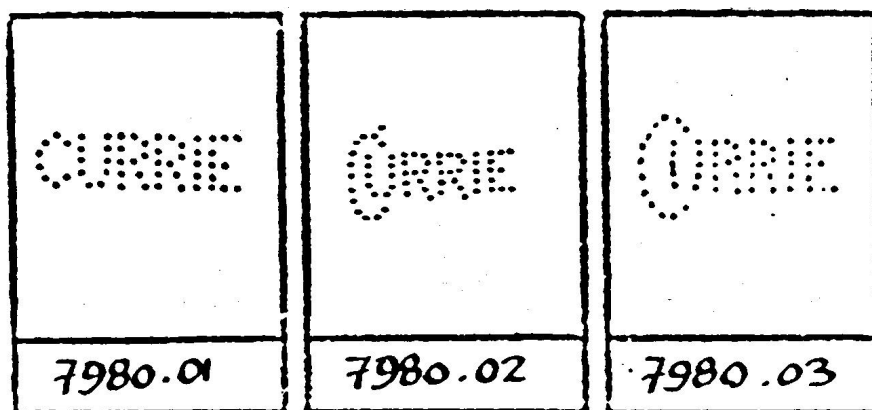
from Rosemary Smith.

In Bulletin 215 Tony Edwards, writing as the editor at that time, gave much information about the three perfin with the full name CURRIE and also posed some questions. Bulletin 216 and 217 gave added information. In April 1992 (Bulletin 257) I myself sent in an identity from a cover I had acquired with perfin C7980.02 with the name and address of James Currie & Co., The Leith, Hull and Hamburg Steam Packet Co., 16 Bernard Street, Leith. C7980.03 had also been reported as identified with this company.

John Coles, in his 1984 Full Name Catalogue, gives the identity for all three dies as D. Currie & Co., London. Tomkins Catalogue in 1985 only lists C7980.02 with an identity - that of D. Currie & Co., London. The present Tomkins Catalogue (IC7 - 1993) lists all three dies as being used by James Currie & Co., Leith and only C7980.02 being used by D. Currie & Co., London E.C.

When I reported to Roy Gault the new identity of C7980.02 (April) I queried the name "D. Currie & Co., London" but no comments have come my way. MARGARET HARDING has now shown me a cover with perfin C7980.03 on a 2½d Jubilee stamp, postmarked London, dated 23-12-92 and identity of DONALD CURRIE & CO., 3&4 FENCHURCH ST., LONDON E.C.

Would any members with covers bearing any CURRIE perfin, please check the correct perfin and send me details of the perfin number and the appropriate identity. Also if anyone can link DONALD CURRIE with JAMES CURRIE I will be most grateful.



Articles in the Bulletin and elsewhere have highlighted the unanswered question of who used the large numeral perfins created by arranging pins in a "ballot machine".

Recently, I was given a bundle of GB envelopes bearing stamps with perfins. Included in the bundle were several plain envelopes with numeral perfins posted over a short period with Ipswich, Suffolk, postmarks. The following table gives details of the dates of posting and the numeral perfin with catalogue number.

Date	Perfin	Catalogue Number
10 September 1936	8	0600
23 September 1936	9	0460.01
30 September 1936	9	0460.01
8 October 1936	9	0460.01
29 October 1936	10	0070
5 November 1936	10	0070
6 November 1936	10	0070
12 November 1936	10	0070
19 November 1936	()2	0160.02 (or 0097 ?)
21 January 1937	12	0097

All the perfins are sideways on the stamps. The number '2' on the 19 November envelope is adjacent to the edge of the stamp and may in fact be part of a '12' perfin. The 21 January 1937 envelope has an Edward VIII stamp, while all the others have KGV issues of the 1934 series.

The addressee of these envelopes was the proprietor of a motor garage in Sussex, and this material was among an accumulation of various material related to the motor trade. From the frequency of posting, these envelopes are most probably business related rather than private.

Perhaps one of your Ipswich (or other) members might be able to suggest a list of possible users from the motor trade in Ipswich at that time - maybe a wholesale supplier of parts or accessories for example.

with one exception, the dates of posting suggest that the value of the numeral may have been the month in which the batch perforating job was done. Could it be that some smaller firms did not want to incur the expense of having their own die made, and were happy for their stamps to be supplied with some of these 'generic' perfins?

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PERFIN SNIPPETS From Dave Hill.

Members are asked to help establish the identity of the following users listed in Slopers' first ledger. This has few actual illustrations of the perfins, just a manuscript entry showing the arrangement of the letters.

Where the perfin or its arrangement is unusual and the address of the user is known then confirmation that perfins are known with the relevant town postmark will give a provisional identity.

1 The Acton & Wembley Hospital (Committee?) is shown as the user of AW/HC. Only one perfin exists, A5860 and it is in the usual Sloper alphabet. If members can confirm that postmarks from this area appear on this perfin then we can claim a new identity.

2. ACS (diagonal) is shown for the Additional Curates Society. There is only one candidate, A1460, again in the usual Sloper alphabet. My Whittaker says this Society was in Harpenden in 1949 and in Gt. Smith Street, London SW1 in 1914. But where was it in 1939 when we think this ledger was written: and is the perfin known with these postmarks?

3. J.J. Allen of Bournemouth is known as the user of A0010.02 but Ledger 1 shows their original die as JJA and the only candidate is J4 310.01. Is it known with Bournemouth postmarks?

4. Two dies are shown for Alliance Trading Co., the original ATC/Ld A5375 and a provisional (although we do not list it as such) A/TC A5370. There is only one perfin known for each of these arrangements but where were Alliance Trading situated and are the perfins known with these postmarks?

5. AS/&Co A5050 is shown for Allen Solly & Co., manufacturers of fine knitwear in Brookfield, Arnold, Nottingham. Which of the A5050 perfins are known postmarked Nottingham?

6. AD A1610 is shown for Amalgamated Dairies but it is shown vertically. Are any of the A1610 known thus?